

REMARKS

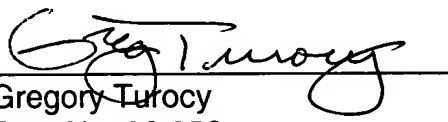
Claims 1-17 are pending in the application upon entry of the amendments and new claims. Claims 3, 5, and 9 have been amended to delete multiple dependencies. New claims 10-17 generally correspond to subject matter removed from the former multiply dependent claims. Favorable examination in light of the amendments and new claims is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In the event any fees are due in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

Respectfully submitted,

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